(tf) DDA has issued charge sheets., for initiating major penalty proceedings, to the five engineers involved iu the matter.

Estimates of Cost and commissioning of t Haldia Fertilizer Project

2152. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the original estimates of cost and commissioning of the Haldia Fertiliezr Project and what have been its cost and time over-runs; and

(b) what are the latest estimates in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) The Haldia Fertilizer Project was originally estimated to cost Rs. 88. 03 crores. It was to be commissioned in October, 1976. The latest cost estimate is Rs. ' 520. 90 crores "involving. a cost escalation of Rs. 432. 87 crores. No firm date has at piesent been fixed for commencement of commercial production.

Prevention of Land Degradation

2153. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minisier of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 788 givejn in the Rajya Sabha on 24th April, 1987 and to state the total expenditure incurred so far on the prevention of land degradation due to water and wind erosion, salinity and alkalinity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION iN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOG-ENDRA 1CAKWANA): The reply to the Unstarred Question No. 788 givea in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th April, 1987 concerns with per capita cultivable land and its decline over the decades. The details $_1$ of expenditure incurred upto 1985-86 on soil and water conservation for tackling the problem of soil erosion and land de-gradation due to water and wmd erosion etc. a're as follows: —

(i) On normal soil conservation programmes under the State and Central Sector Schemes since. first Five Year Plans is about Rs. 1370 crores.

(ii) -Funds provided as Central share during 1985-86 under National Watershed Development Programme., for ' Rainfcd Agriculture and Reclamation of alkali soils is about Rs. 2 crores.

(iii) In addition, siezable funds have also^been flowing from 1974-75 through some schemes of rural development, such as, drought prone and desert development area programmes, haying soi] and water conservation components.

Aslad Village and Players' Hostel

2154. SHRl ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYHH: SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will ths Minister of URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure sanctioned out of the Asiad funds aad acuta' iy incurred on the construction of the ASIAD village and of players' hostel neur the Indira Gandhi Stadium;

(b) what were the original estimate of cost and time and also the final ones;

(c) how much has bees spent on them on maintenance and fuithcr modificatioas after the Asi'an Games were over; and

(d) when and how these have been used after the Asiad either for ports acti vities or for other activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBlR SINGH> (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will b$_e$ laid on the Table of the Sabha.